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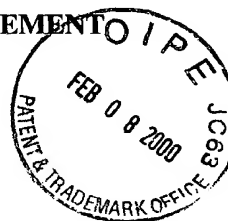
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Sir:

Submitted herewith on Form PTO-1449 is a listing of documents known to Applicants in order to comply with Applicants' duty of disclosure pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56. A copy of each listed document is being submitted to comply with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.

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The relevance of the documents is described in the present specification. English translations of the foreign documents are not readily available; however, English language abstracts are provided herewith. The absence of such translations does not relieve the PTO from its duty to consider the submitted documents (37 CFR §1.98 and MPEP §609).

The U.S. patents listed below correspond to the following foreign patent applications which were cited in the specification as follows:

U.S.

4,374,696

Foreign

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The listed documents are being submitted in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b), before the mailing of the first Office action on the merits.

Applicants respectfully request that the listed documents be considered by the Examiner and formally be made of record in the present application and that an initialled copy of Form PTO-1449 be returned in accordance with MPEP §609.

Respectfully submitted,

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